2023 Dates: June 11-17, 2023

Location: DeFelice Marine Center, Cocodrie, Louisiana

Description: LUMCON’s Estuarine Awareness and Discovery (LEAD) camp is a week-long residential camp designed to give high school students a chance to scientifically explore Louisiana’s coastal environments. The focus of this camp is to increase student understanding and appreciation of marine science by allowing them to utilize LUMCON’s world class research vessels, oceanographic equipment, laboratories, and science staff. Students will better understand of the scientific process, scientific data collection methods, and using data to answer questions. They will have the opportunity to gain skill sets and build a network of contacts that can be useful in future career and academic pursuits. Campers complete LEAD Camp with a new awareness and understanding of the ecosystem, the threats to our coast, and the roles they can have in protecting Louisiana’s natural resources.

Camp Highlights: Field and laboratory activities make each day a new adventure. Camp activities include:

- cruises aboard a research vessel
- a trip to one of the barrier islands
- In-depth laboratory activities
- scientific discussions with science professional
- a paddle trip through the salt marsh
- plant and animal population surveys

Application: Applications can be submitted electronically through the LUMCON website or by using the downloadable PDF application. Both applications are available on our website at lumcon.edu/K-12

Cost: $350/student - cost includes rooms, meals, and all camp activities. Scholarships are available.